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SUBJECT: POLISH PRESS ON MIDDLE EAST

1. THE POLISH CENTRAL PRESS ON MARCH 24 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE SECRETARYS MIDDLE EAST MISSION. HEADLINES VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED IT AS SUSPENDED OR A "FIASCO", WITH RYBUNA LUDU, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DAILY, CHOOSING THE LATTER, BASED ON THE COMMENT OF THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS REPORTED IN THE STORY. THE PAP REPORT SERVING AS THE BASIS FOR TRY

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BUNA LUDU'S FRONT-PAGE STORY DESCRIBED THE MISSION AS "SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING." IT DREW HEAVILY ON DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN ANDERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT FROM JERUSALEM AND CITED THE PRESIDENTS EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET, AS WELL AS THOSE OF UNSYG WALHEIM.

2. IN THE ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR, ZYCIE WARSZAWY DISCUSSED THE "END OF KISSINGERS MISSION" IN SOBER TERMS, STRESSING THE SECRETARYS STATEMENT ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. THE EDITORIAL BLAMES

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ISRAELI INFLEXIBILITY FOR BLOCKING THE SECRETARYS PERSONAL

EFFORT TO NARRO ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN POSITIONS STEP-BY-STEP. IT ALSO MENTIONS THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD BEEN "FORCED" TO CAUTION ISRAEL IN A "SPECIAL NOTE" ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS OBSTINACY. CONCLUDING, THE EDITORIAL OBSERVES THAT THE "MOST PERSISTENT EFFORTS" OF A SINGLE PERSON CANNOT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CONCERTED ACTIONS OF ALL COUNTRIES THAT WANT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT SUGGESTS THAT THE FOCUS WILL NOW SHIFT TO GENEVA, BUT FAILS TO METION THE SOVIET UNION OR ITS POLICY SPECIFICALLY.
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